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THE HARVEST MOON.

The harvest moon, says Chambers' Journal,

is one of those little creatures which,

though spread over the greater part of Eu-

rope, very few persons may have seen.

This is partly accounted for by its shy

habits, its smallness of body, and quickness

of movement. This elegant little creature

is light orange brown on the upper parts,

and white underneath, and is chiefly pecu-

liar for the character of the nests which it

builds, of which it has two kinds, one for

summer and one for winter.

The summer nest, in which it rears its

young, is generally found suspended at

some height from the ground between

stalks of corn or reeds—three or four being

utilized as supports, and held in their

places by the intertwining of their pedicels

or stalk-leaves. The nest, when finished, is

about the size of a cricket-ball, very neat

and compact, the framework being formed

of wheat leaves or such like, and described

by Gilbert White as "most artificially

plaited." The interior is comfortably

filled with moss; while a small, round

opening, only large enough to admit one's

little finger, is left in the top to give access

to the interior of the nest.

Within the circumscribed space thus in-

closed as many as eight and nine young

ones have been found at one time, and these

so closely packed together that the rolling of

a nest across a table could not dislodge

them. There is little or no room for the

mother inside; and how she manages to get

so many little mouths filled from time to

time is a wonder, as it seems impossible she

can administer to each. Here, in this

cramped bed and precarious cradle, varying

to and fro as the summer wind stirs

among the wheat, the little creatures, grand

and motherly they may appear, if they

are ready to go forth and forage for them-

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LITERATURE OF THE DAY.

A MAGNIFICENT PRAYER RUG.

An enterprising firm of New York need chant, well known amongst manufacturers, have purchased at a cost of about \$250, a magnificent prayer rug, which they are now exhibiting in their Turkish department in Broadway, New York. The rug has been procured with other interesting relics by their agent at Constantinople, from the summer palace of the late Sultan Abdul Aziz, whose assassination is still fresh in the public memory. This curious specimen of Oriental handwork is of blue satin, elaborately wrought with gold and silver threads, and surrounded with gold fringe. It is lined with pink silk, and is four feet six inches wide and six feet long. At the end intended to point towards the west, from which direction the devotee approaches the sacred object, the design represents the entrance to Bilkitch's Palace, in Constantinople, the favorite summer residence of the murdered Sultan. It was the custom of Abdul Aziz, on arising in the morning, to shoot birds with a bow and arrow, and to erect a marble pillar to mark the spot where any arrow fell which had not hit a bird. The custom resulted in the erection of six pillars—three on each side of the entrance to the palace—and these are represented in a silver thread on the rug. The next part of the design is a representation in gold and silver thread, with windows in pure burnished silver, of the Mosque of Kocatek, adjoining the palace grounds, which was the Sultan's favorite place of worship, and in which he daily used this rug. Next come similar representations of two mosques situated in the palace park, behind the palace, one having been erected by the Sultan in honor of his mother, and the other in honor of his first wife, to whom he was married before ascending the throne. The figures described are interspersed with flowers and vines finely wrought in gold and silver thread.

THE UNCHANGEABLE FEE.

A correspondent of the Foreman, Eng-

land and Draughtman, an English technical

journal says: "I am afraid free trade will

not account entirely for the loss of English

trade